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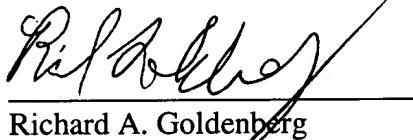
Applicants are in receipt of the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2002, and of the Office Action dated January 14, 2003. In response thereto, Applicant elects the Group II, Species VIII, claims, claims 69-74, to prosecute in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

In light of the above election, Applicant requests that non-elected claims 13-65, 67, and 75-77 be cancelled in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application with respect to these claims.

The claims in the present application are believed to be new, non-obvious and useful. An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0219 the fee of \$930.00 to cover the cost of the requested extension of time. No other extensions of time are believed to be required for this paper to be timely filed. However, in the event that such an extension of time is required, please also consider this paper as a petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 for any extensions of time necessary for this paper to be timely filed, and please charge the fee required for any such extensions of time to our deposit account No. 08-0219. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, that may be due in connection with this paper to our deposit account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,



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